

Senate Steering Committee
Minutes
April 13, 2006
3:00 -5:00 P.M.
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Attendees:

Danaya Wright
Bernie Machen
Rick Yost
Janie Fouke
Pradeep Kumar
Frank Bova
Mike Katovich
Kim Tanzer

Carol Kem
Sheila Dickison
David Denslow
Dennis Jett
Chris Snodgrass
John Leavey
Pramod Khargonekar

Agenda:

Approval of minutes of the March meeting The minutes of the March meeting were approved

Reports:

▪ **Chair's Report**

Kim Tanzer, Chair

Professor Tanzer reminded the council chairs to hold chair elections for the 06-07 AY before May 15th. Professor Tanzer reported that she met with Danaya Wright, Curt Hannah, Kyle Cavanaugh and Barbara Wingo to discuss the proposal by the Academic Freedom, Tenure, Professional Relations and Standards committee regarding the Dispute Resolutions Officer. Professor Tanzer also updated the steering committee on the senate input to the strategic work plan and reviewed how the Senate will remain involved in the future.

▪ **President's Report**

Bernie Machen, President

Dr. Machen discussed the faculty survey and the request from the Welfare council to wait a year and then re-distribute the survey in order to allow more time for the administration to make progress towards improving areas outlined in the previous survey.

Rick Yost moved to leave the specific timeframe open but to distribute the survey in the late fall or early spring to allow time to develop the best survey and get the best participation. Rick Yost accepted an amendment to this motion by Dr. Machen to allow the Senate to assist Dr. Machen with changing the survey. The motion was modified to read: defer the survey until the next academic year and change the survey to include feedback from the Senate and feedback from the Shared Governance Task Force document. The motion was approved.

Dr. Machen also reported on the progress by the Legislature in Tallahassee.

President's Open Floor Discussion:

The steering committee did not have any additional issues to discuss.

Information Items:

- **Private Note Services** **Robert Emerson**, CBA Faculty member

Robert Emerson discussed the private note services issue with the steering committee. He has concerns about copy write infringement and the downsides to note services serving as a substitute for attending classes. He requests that the Senate look into the issue further. Frank Bova moved to refer the issue to the Academic Policy council and ask them to add Robert Emerson to the council to discuss. Kim Tanzer suggested that the council create a task force that will look into the issue and report back to the council. Kim Tanzer will work with Robert Emerson to create a charge to give to the council. The motion to bring forward to the Academic Policy Council was approved.

- **Bologna Process** **Dennis Jett**, University International Center Dean

Dennis Jett reported on the Bologna Process. This Process will culminate in 2012 with an agreement of European countries to streamline the higher education process by offering 3 year degrees. Currently the University does not have a plan for accepting a student with a 3 year bachelor's degree to graduate studies. The International Center's concern is that if there is not a plan for accepting students with 3 year degrees the University of Florida will have difficulty recruiting international students. The issue was referred to the Academic Policy Council to see what other institutions are doing. Kim Tanzer will work with Dean Jett to develop a charge for the committee. The Research and Scholarship policy council will interact with the Academic Policy council to determine what needs to be done.

- **Compensation Committee Report** **David Denslow**, Compensation Committee Chair

David Denslow reviewed the compensation committee report and proposed that the report be given to the Senate at the upcoming meeting. The request was approved.

- **Humanities Working Group Report** **John Leavey and Pramod Khargonekar**, Humanities Working Group Co- Chairs

John Leavey and Pramod Khargonekar proposed to issue the preliminary Humanities Working Group report to the Senate at the upcoming meeting. The recommendations are that the committee continue to work through the fall and that the committee works to make the arts and humanities a major focus in the strategic plan. The working group would like the Senate to endorse a resolution that states that as a Senate we felt that the arts and humanities are important and endorse the continuation of the committee and the value of inclusion in the strategic plan. Kim Tanzer will discuss the committee's continued work in the Chair's report. The working group members will report that they feel that the recommendations in the report should be part of the draft strategic work plan.

- **Constitution Committee Report** **Chris Snodgrass**, Constitution Committee Chair
Article V Section 4

Chris Snodgrass outlined the constitution committee's annual report. He also requested to present the information item regarding the library committee for a vote in September. Danaya Wright moved to move the constitution language to an action item in April. The motion was approved.

- **Strategic Work Group Resolution** **Barry Ache**, Academic Policy Council Chair

Kim Tanzer reported on behalf of Barry Ache on the Strategic Work Plan Resolution.

▪ **Nominating Committee Report** **Carol Kem**, Nominating Committee Chair
Carol Kem presented a nominating committee report to be given to the Senate in April. She outlined some problems with the current nomination process and outlined some concerns related to recruitment and retention on committees.

- **Curriculum Committee** **Sheila Dickison**, Curriculum Committee Chair
Name change for Department of Rehabilitation Counseling
Proposed Bachelor of Science in Athletic Training
Proposed Bachelor of Science – Biology

Sheila Dickison presented curriculum committee items for the upcoming Senate agenda. Rick Yost moved to make the BS in Biology an action item in April. The motion was approved. Dr. Fouke moved to make the Academic Training proposal to an action item in April. The motion was approved. Danaya Wright moved to make the rehabilitation counseling proposal to an action item in April. The motion was approved.

▪ **Open Access Research Discussion** **Kim Tanzer**, Faculty Senate Chair
The steering committee discussed the issue of open access research and suggested that the Research and Scholarship Policy Council look at the issue and determine which committees are already working on the issue and work with them on the issue if necessary.

Brief Council Reports

- **Academic Policy Council** **Barry Ache**, Chair
No report was given

▪ **Budgeting Council** **Frank Bova**, Chair
Frank Bova reported that the library request to share the library Starbucks profits was declined. The Budget council discussed the budget cycle and process with the Provost. The council will work towards having more budget workshops.

▪ **Faculty Welfare Council** **Mike Katovich**, Chair
Mike Katovich reported that the council sent a letter to the Provost regarding development of a Web site for faculty and mandatory chair training for new and existing chairs as well as committee training for tenure and promotion committee members. Dr. Fouke sent the letter to Debra Walker King who will work on the trainings. Dr. Fouke also requested more specific information outlining the content of the desired Web site.

- **Academic Infrastructure Council** **Brian Weber**, Chair
No report was given

▪ **Research and Scholarship Council** **Richard Yost**, Chair
Rick Yost reported that the council is looking into the low cost pharmaceuticals for developing countries proposal and will look into open access or defer to the appropriate committee. The council is also looking into centers and the process for evaluation and sun setting of centers. The council is also looking into the strategic plan process for research and the 1UF IDC plan. The council would like to report to the Senate at the Special Senate meeting on May 4th regarding the policy suggestions for the IRB/IACUC.

Action Item:

Approval of April 20, 2006 Senate Agenda The agenda was approved.